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Socials 9 The Land and Its People

1A Mapping and Physical Regions

Reference:

Cranny, M. (1998) Crossroads: A Meeting of Nations, Ch. 6

Questions:

Answer the following questions based on the chapter intro (p. 161-162):

How were the coastal ranges along the West Coast formed? What kind of mountains are they? (e.g.volcanic or fold mountains)

How was the Canadian Shield formed? What kind of mountains were they?

How were the Rocky Mountains formed? What kind of mountains are they?

What effect has glaciation had on the landscape of Canada?

Define the following terms from p. 162. The first one has been done for you.
Be sure you use your own words; definitions don't help if you don't understand them!

physiographic – *common features of plants, climate and landforms found in a particular area*

erode

plate tectonics

region

topography

vegetation

climate

Complete the following chart with information from p. 164-179 (first one is done for you)

REGION	CHARACTERISTICS
Appalachian Region	Description: mountainous area on east coast from Newfoundland to Southern States
	Topography: old, low, eroded mountains. Some fertile plateaus and river valleys. Coal, oil, & gas found in sedimentary layers (rocks from eroded material)
	Climate: affected by 2 ocean currents -- Labrador current brings cold water & weather from north, Gulf Stream brings warm water & weather from south along coast (ideal conditions for fish)
	Vegetation: mix of coniferous (evergreens with cones) & deciduous (lose their leaves) trees on poor mountain soil and rich valley soil
Coastal Plains Region	Description:
	Topography:
	Climate:
	Vegetation:

REGION	CHARACTERISTICS
Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Lowlands	Description:
	Topography:
	Climate:
	Vegetation:
Interior Plains	Description:
	Topography:
	Climate:
	Vegetation:
Canadian Shield	Description:
	Topography:
	Climate:
	Vegetation:
Western Cordillera	Description:
	Topography:
	Climate:
	Vegetation:
Intermountai n Region	Description:
	Topography:
	Climate:
	Vegetation:

REGION	CHARACTERISTICS
Arctic Region	Description:
	Topography:
	Climate:
	Vegetation: